

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : FLUORESCENT SILICA-BASED NANOPARTICLES
Appl. No : 10/536,569 Confirmation No. 2178
Applicant : Wiesner et al.
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Examiner : Liu, Sue Xu
Attorney Docket No. : 3026-008
Customer No. : 67272

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 19, 2008 (Paper No. 20081209), for which a response is due March 19, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 19, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Further, Applicants make the following amendments, and submit the remarks appearing after the amendments.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.